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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_1253A  
Masahiro TERADA et al. : **Confirmation No. 2308**  
Serial No. 10/589,814 : Group Art Unit 1624  
Filed August 17, 2006 : Examiner Brenda L. Coleman  
GUANIDINE COMPOUND AND : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**  
ASYMMETRIC REACTION USING THE  
SAME

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated August 21, 2009.

The Official Action constitutes a Requirement for a Restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-3, drawn to guanidine compounds of formula (I) where  $X^1$ ,  $X^2$ ,  $X^3$ ,  $X^4$ ,  $X^5$ ,  $X^6$ ,  $X^7$  and  $X^8$  each represent a carbon atom, without traverse.

Favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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